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Letter dated 15 December 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the decree in which the Congress of the United Mexican States amends article 14, second paragraph, and article 22, first paragraph, and repeals the fourth paragraph of article 22 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States, thereby abolishing the death penalty. The decree was published in the Official Journal of the Federation on 9 December 2005 (see annex).

Pursuant to the transitional article of the aforementioned decree, the latter entered into force on the day following its publication. The death penalty was therefore abolished in Mexico on 10 December 2005.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 71.

(*Signed*) Enrique **Berruga Filloy**
Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

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Annex to the letter dated 15 December 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Executive Branch
Ministry of the Interior

Decree amending article 14, second paragraph, and article 22, first paragraph, and repealing the fourth paragraph of article 22 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States

[In the margin, there is a seal with the national coat of arms which says: United Mexican States — Presidency of the Republic]

Vicente Fox Quesada, President of the United Mexican States, to the inhabitants thereof let it be known:

That the Honourable Congress of the Union transmitted to me the following

Decree

The General Congress of the United Mexican States, by virtue of the power vested in it under article 135 of the Constitution of the Republic and subject to the approval of the majority of the honourable legislatures of the states, declares that article 14, second paragraph, and article 22, first paragraph, of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States shall be amended and that article 22, fourth paragraph, of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States shall be superseded.

Sole article — Article 14, second paragraph, and article 22, first paragraph, of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States shall be amended, and the fourth paragraph of article 22 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States shall be repealed, as follows:

Article 14 —

No person shall be deprived of liberty, property, possessions or rights without a trial by a duly created court in which the essential elements of procedure are observed and in accordance with laws issued prior to the act.

...

Article 22 — The death penalty, punishments by mutilation and infamy, branding, flogging, beating with sticks, torture of any kind, excessive fines, confiscation of property and any other unusual or extreme penalties are prohibited.

...

Repealed.

Transitory article

Sole article — This decree shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the Federation.

Mexico City, Federal District, on 8 November 2005 — Deputy Heliodoro Díaz Escárraga, President — Senator Enrique Jackson Ramírez, President — Deputy Marcos Morales Torres, Secretary — Senator Yolanda E. González Hernández, Secretary [signatures]

In compliance with the provisions of subparagraph I of article 89 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States, and for its due publication and enforcement, I hereby issue this decree at the residence of the Federal Executive in Mexico City, Federal District, on 8 December 2005 — Vicente Fox Quesada — [signature] — Secretary of the Interior, Carlos María Abascal Carranza — [signature]